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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral E. J. Masterson  
Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons  
Department of the Navy  
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Commendation - Commander John W. Holcomb,  
USN

1. It has come to my attention that Commander John W. Holcomb, USN, has resigned his active duty status with the Navy effective 31 October 1963. It would be unfortunate indeed if we permitted that to occur without expressing to you and to Commander Holcomb the sincere appreciation of the Central Intelligence Agency for the many occasions when the Navy, through this officer, has come to the assistance of Agency programs and endeavors.

2. I do not think it necessary to recount to you the specifics nor use this communication to call out the exceptional qualities of leadership and devotion to duty shown by Commander Holcomb during the past six years. I am happy to hear that he will continue in your service as a civilian consultant.

3. We would appreciate your conveying our sentiments to Commander Holcomb.

4. In that Commander Holcomb has also assisted the joint endeavors of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Office of Naval Materiel and this Agency, I have requested that copies of this memorandum be

NAVY review(s) completed.

forwarded to Rear Admiral R. L. Taylor, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence, and Vice Admiral William A. Schoech, USN, Chief of Naval Materiel.

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

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Rear Admiral R. S. Masterson  
Chief, Bureau of Naval Weapons  
Department of the Navy  
Washington 25, D. C.

Rear Admiral Masterson:

I want to tell you of the Central Intelligence Agency's appreciation of the splendid help and support received over the past several years from Commander John W. Holcomb, USN, who resigned his active duty status with the Navy on 31 October. Commander Holcomb was of great help to us on many occasions involving highly important CIA programs. We are happy to know that he will continue in your service as a civilian consultant.

I hope you will be able to inform Commander Holcomb of our sincere thanks for the tasks he performed on our behalf.

As many of these tasks involved not only the Agency but the Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of Naval Materiel, I am sending copies of this letter to Rear Admiral Taylor, ONI, and Vice Admiral Schoech, Chief of Naval Materiel.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Marshall S. Carter

Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

cc. Director of Naval Intelligence  
Chief of Naval Materiel

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